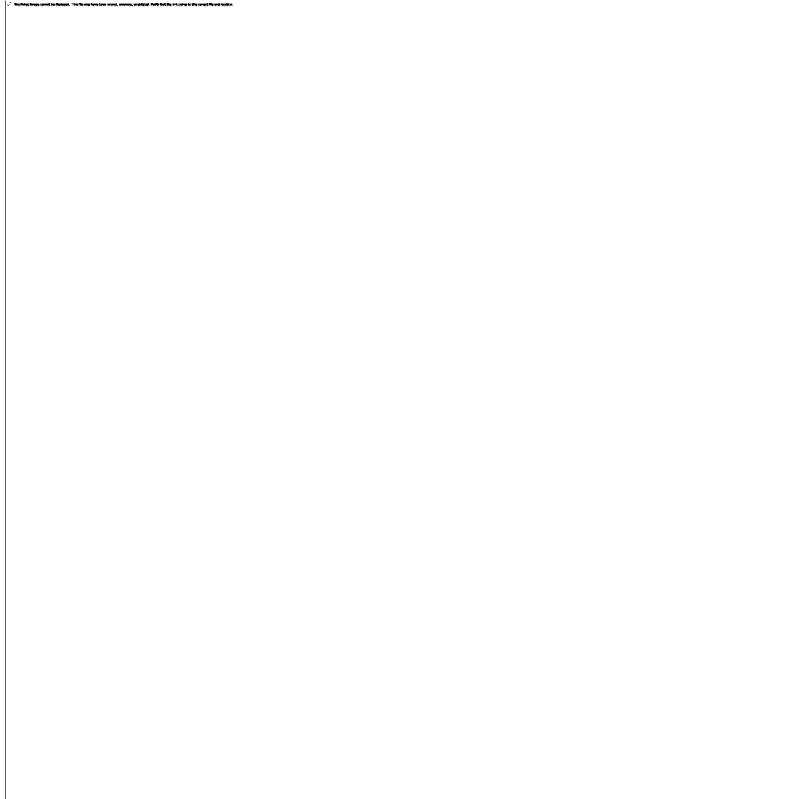
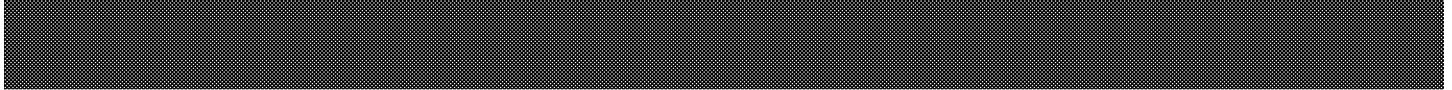


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- Exxon Mobil Corp. said in its earnings report that output fell to 3.889 million barrels a day in the first quarter, the first time since the 1999 merger between Exxon and Mobil Corp. that the company has pumped less than 4 million barrels a day in that quarter. The output figure, along with the company's profit of \$1.09 a share, fell short of analysts' expectations. ([Bloomberg](#))

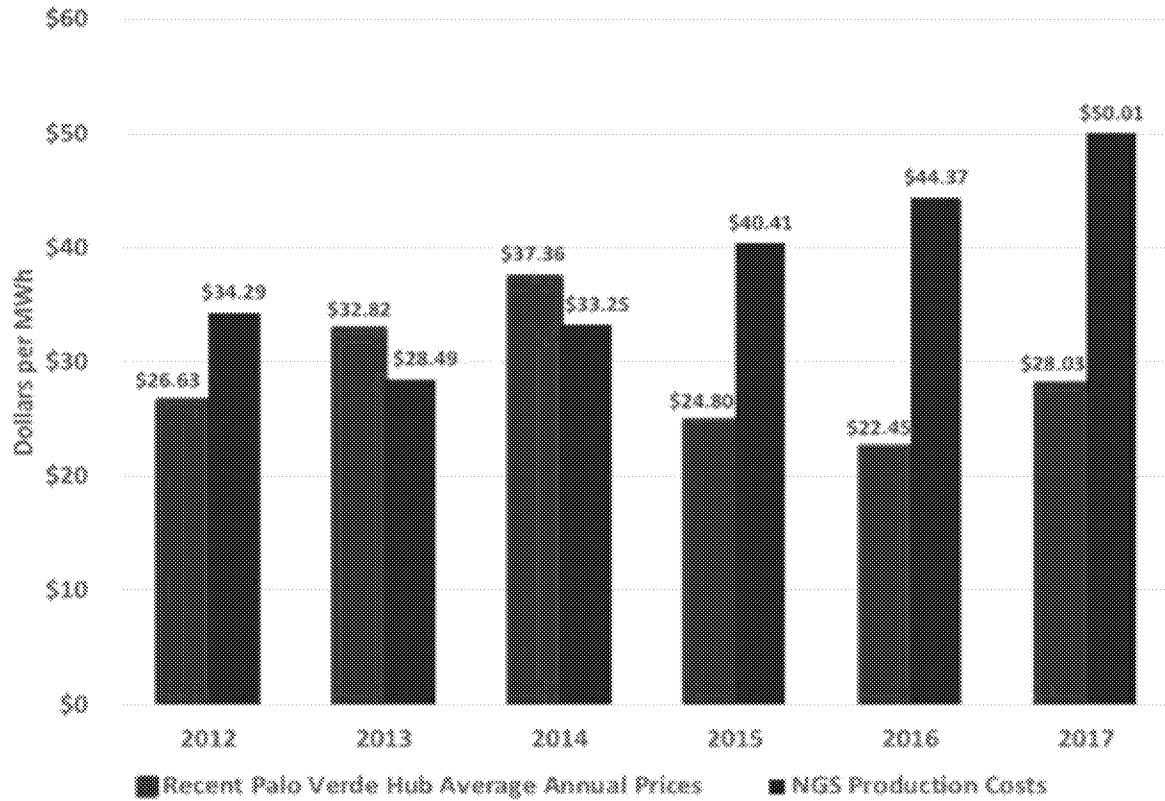
- The Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General disputed that the "threat assessment" Administrator Scott Pruitt cited in two House hearings, which he used to justify his spending on security, came from EPA Inspector General Arthur Elkins as Pruitt had said. The EPA clarified that the document was instead an internal memo from Patrick Sullivan, an assistant inspector general, and was leaked without authorization from the office. ([The Hill](#))
- Dangerous volatile organic compounds and other air contaminants emanating from an explosion at the Husky Energy Inc. oil refinery in Wisconsin will pose a health risk to people downwind of the facility, according to pollution experts. Officials ordered people to evacuate from the area to reduce public exposure, and government agencies plan to test the air in the region, refinery manager Kollin Schade said at a news conference. ([The Associated Press](#))
- Al Monaco, chief executive of Enbridge Inc., said the pipeline company will continue with its efforts to chart a new route to replace the Line 3 pipeline in Minnesota, despite a recommendation on Monday from an administrative law judge that the project is only of comparative benefit if construction tracks along Line 3's current route. Monaco said the recommendation, which may be taken into account by state regulators, "ignores the extensive record" the state has compiled "that incorporates input from thousands of Minnesotans who are in favor of our proposed route." ([Star Tribune](#))

Chart Review

Six Insurmountable Business Risks to Keeping Navajo Generating Station Open Past 2019

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Figure 3: Recent NGS Production Costs vs. Palo Verde Hub Prices



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General

IG: Threat memo cited by Pruitt isn't from IG **Timothy Cama, The Hill**

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) pushed back Thursday against EPA head Scott Pruitt, saying he misrepresented a memo about the threats against him in testimony to the House.

EPA removes 'international priorities' page from site **Julia Manchester, The Hill**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) removed an "international priorities" page from its website in December, according to a report released this week by the Environmental Data & Governance Initiative (EDGI).

Pruitt aide approved to work for GOP firm, Fla. lawmaker **Kevin Bogardus, E&E News**

John Konkus, one of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's political aides, was approved by ethics officials to work outside the agency for a Republican political consulting firm and a Florida state representative.

Pruitt backtracks on explanation of privacy booth **Gregory Wallace, CNN**

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt told lawmakers on Thursday that the controversial sound proof booth installed in his office is not the type used for classified information, contradicting his past justification of the \$43,000 purchase.

Pruitt Distances Himself From Trump's Proposed EPA Grant Cuts **David Schultz, Bloomberg**

Scott Pruitt told Congress he isn't responsible for Trump administration spending plans that would impose double-digit cuts to popular EPA grant programs, including one that helps businesses in the Great Lakes region meet environmental standards.

Pruitt signed 'secret science' plan before OMB ended review **Sean Reilly, E&E News**

The White House Office of Management and Budget completed its review of EPA's proposed "secret science" rule yesterday - one day after EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed it, according to the Reginfo.gov site.

Oil prices inch down but gain support from Iran concerns
Shadia Nasralla, Reuters

Oil prices edged lower on Friday as the dollar rose, but Brent was still headed for its third week of gains amid supply concerns should the United States reimpose sanctions on Iran.

Oil and Natural Gas

Exxon Falls Short of Production Targets, Missing Out on Crude Rally
Kevin Crowley, Bloomberg

Exxon Mobil Corp. posted its weakest first-quarter output since the 1999 merger that created the company in its modern form, underscoring the eroding quality of its worldwide portfolio.

Smoke From Wisconsin Refinery Explosion Poses Health Risk
The Associated Press

An explosion and asphalt fire at a Wisconsin oil refinery on Thursday sent huge plumes of smoke into the air that pollution experts said almost certainly contained large amounts of toxins, posing a serious health risk to those living downwind.

Enbridge CEO says company will continue pursuing its preferred route for new pipeline
Mike Hughlett, Star Tribune

Enbridge's chief executive said the company will continue pursuing a new route for its proposed Line 3 pipeline across northern Minnesota, despite a judge's recommendation against that route.

'Mexico First' Campaign Could End Welcome for U.S. Oil Giants
Clifford Krauss, The New York Times

As President Trump moves to recast trade and border relations with Mexico, American oil companies are worried that the prospective winner of Mexico's presidential election will play his own nationalist card.

Companies Feel the Impact of Rising Oil Prices
Doug Cameron et al., The Wall Street Journal

The highest oil prices in years are increasing expenses for companies that had grown used to low energy costs since crude's 2014 tumble, while the turnabout is proving to be a boon for some businesses.

The Coal Industry Extracted a Steep Price From West Virginia. Now Natural Gas Is Leading the State Down the Same Path.
Ken Ward Jr., ProPublica

It was a warm Monday afternoon in late February. Thousands of teachers, public school employees and supporters rallied on the steps of West Virginia's Capitol building, on the banks of the Kanawha River in Charleston.

Gulf states want more revenue: 'The cap should be lifted'
Rob Hotakainen, E&E News

With their coastline damaged by the oil and gas industry, a delegation of Louisianans asked a House Natural Resources panel yesterday to give their state a greater share of the federal government's energy revenues.

Utilities and Infrastructure

Utility Says Retired Underwater Cables May Be Damaged
The Associated Press

A suspected anchor strike that severed two electric cables in the waterway linking Lakes Huron and Michigan may have damaged additional cables in the area that were taken out of service long ago but never removed from the water, officials said Thursday.

PSEG settles enforcement charges tied to errors in energy offers submitted to PJM
Jasmin Melvin, Platts

Having failed to detect errors in its cost-based offers submitted to PJM Interconnection's energy market over nearly a decade, a Public Service Enterprise Group subsidiary has agreed to pay millions of dollars in civil penalties and disgorgement, according to a settlement approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Renewables

First Solar to build new manufacturing plant in northwest Ohio

Sarah Elms, The Toledo Blade

First Solar Inc. plans to build a new solar panel manufacturing facility near its North American factory complex in Perrysburg Township, a move that's expected to create 500 jobs.

Tesla's Foe in Fight Over Electric Vehicle Rebate: Utilities

John Lippert et al., Bloomberg

Early adopters of the electric car often band together in what can seem, in the age of Donald Trump and resurgent sport utility vehicles, like a lonely defense of an unloved technology.

Arizona utilities cautious over costs, reliability for proposed 80% clean energy mandate

Robert Walton, Utility Dive

Arizona utility regulators are considering a proposal to modernize the state's electric grid, adding more renewables along with energy storage to help integrate the intermittent resources.

Coal

EPA Rampaging on Coal Ash Rule Despite Groundwater Concerns

Sonal Patel, POWER Magazine

Despite pleas by environmental groups for more time to review recent dumps of groundwater monitoring data from power companies, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is forging ahead to finalize a proposed overhaul of the Obama administration's 2015 final Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) rule.

Nuclear

Rick Perry enters 'new era' with France on nuclear power

John Siciliano, Washington Examiner

Energy Secretary Rick Perry entered into a "new era" of nuclear power development with France on Thursday, using the state visit by French President Emmanuel Macron to sign a joint agreement to advance nuclear and clean energy.

Climate

From Siberia, an Unlikely Cry: 'We Need Greenpeace Out Here!'

Andrew E. Kramer, The New York Times

At a truck stop at the northern terminus of the Vilyui ice highway in northeastern Siberia, drivers make small talk not about life on the road but rather the life of the road.

A Message from Wells Fargo:

Wells Fargo: Committed to the environment

How can a bank help the world transition to a lower-carbon economy? By setting goals and meeting them. Last year, Wells Fargo began meeting 100% of its global electricity needs with renewable energy. We remain committed to protecting the environment and leading by action through our businesses, our operations and our philanthropy. [Learn more.](#)

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Americans Should Embrace This Energy Opportunity

Randall Luthi, Morning Consult

Earlier this year, protesters descended on public meetings held throughout the country on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Draft Proposed Program for offshore leasing.

The biggest Scott Pruitt scandal is the one right in front of us

Robert Redford, The Washington Post

President Trump should follow the suggestion of many - including some within his own party, and reportedly even his chief of staff - and replace Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Hiroshima, Kyoto, and the Bombs of Climate Change

Bill McKibben, The New Yorker

I spent Earth Day in Kyoto, the next day in Hiroshima, and the time since pondering the difference between the two.

Scott Pruitt's Crusade Against "Secret Science" Could Be Disastrous for Public Health

Carolyn Kormann, The New Yorker

Today is a red-letter day, a banner day," Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said on Tuesday afternoon. A few moments later, he signed a controversial rule proposal titled "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science."

Scott Pruitt is the face of America's big problem

Jeffrey Sachs, CNN

The federal government's top ethics official has asked the Environmental Protection Agency to take "appropriate actions to address any violations" rising from the behavior of the agency's administrator, Scott Pruitt.

Research Reports

Fueling utility innovation through analytics

Marcus Braun et al., McKinsey & Company

Advanced analytics can deliver enormous value for utilities and drive organizations to new frontiers of efficiency- but only with the right approach. There's little to be gained from just bolting on a software solution.



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